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**LATIN AMERICA SETS****ANGLICAN CONGRESS**

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PANAMA (DPS, Sept. 6) — The first Latin American Anglican Congress will take place in July 1987 after more than 150 years of Anglican missionary work in Latin America.

The congress, called by the primates of the Churches of Brazil and the Southern Cone and the president of Province IX of the Episcopal Church, will meet for seven days and will deal with a great number of issues of common concern to the 27 Anglican jurisdictions in the area. Hispanic Episcopalians in the United States are invited as an "extra-territorial diocese."

The congress will gather "to know each other better, to share and celebrate our common life and to promote the growth, development and mission of the Anglican Communion in Latin America."

Plans for the congress were drawn by a group of eight persons representing the jurisdictions in Latin America. The two-day meeting was presided over by the Rt. Rev. Colin Bazley, bishop of Chile and delegate of the Anglican Church of the Southern Cone, the newest province of the Anglican Communion.

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Bogota, Colombia, has been chosen as a possible site for the the congress, with Panama as an alternative site.

Each diocese is encouraged to send five persons: a bishop, a priest and three other persons including young people and women. Dioceses with more than one bishop are also invited to send them along. The congress will be open to visitors and guests, and around 200 persons are expected.

Among the subjects that the group listed for discussion are: Anglican identity, missionary strategy, urban and rural mission, training for ministry, evangelism, Anglican and Christian literature, and the socio-political situation of Latin America and the church's response to it. Subjects like theological education, Christian education, and music and liturgy have been also listed as possible congress topics.

The organizing group will report to their respective primates for final approval. The primates will also be asked to appoint one or two persons to the congress planning committee which will meet regularly between now and 1987.

The group is asking the Episcopal Church to second the Rev. Onell Soto, mission information officer at the Episcopal Church Center in New York, to assist the planning committee on its work.

The expenses for participants will be covered by each diocese. "Our people could go by bus from Chile (a travelling time of eight days) if needed," said Bazley.

He stated that the time has come for such a congress in Latin America, adding "We are coming of age, and we need to set the course of our lives in common consultation."

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ANGLICAN/ROMAN

TALKS CONTINUE

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DURHAM, England (DPS, Sept. 6) -- The Anglican/Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC-II) held its second meeting at St. John's College, here, from Aug. 22-31. The main work of the Commission was to continue discussion of its present major theme, Church and Salvation, with special reference to the doctrine of justification, in the light of papers prepared in recent months and of draft texts proposed by a sub-commission earlier this year.

Under the chairmanship of Bishop Cormac Murphy-O'Connor of Arundel and Brighton (RC) and Bishop Mark Santer of Kensington (Anglican), members of the Commission, who came from five continents, made substantial progress in the preparation of a statement on fundamental doctrinal principles concerning salvation, justification and the role of the Church in God's plan for the redemption of the whole human race. In the course of the discussion attention was paid to matters allied to the main theme, especially those arising from the controversies of the sixteenth century. The Commission made plans for a sub-commission to carry its work forward in the twelve months before its next meeting.

A beginning was also made on the study of growth in reconciliation and on stages along the way to full communion on a basis of unity in faith. Some questions of this kind are being referred for preliminary work by various national Anglican/Roman Catholic committees on the basis of their experience of local relations between the two Churches.

At an open session on Aug. 26, the Commission was joined by Archbishop Michael Ramsey, Bishop David Jenkins of Durham, Bishop John Moorman (a member of ARCIC-I), and theologians from the University of Durham, the Roman Catholic seminary at Ushaw, and the English Anglican/Roman Catholic committee, to discuss its work and also that of the previous commission, whose final report is now being considered by both communions.

Participants hailed the warmth of the welcome by both the cathedral and university authorities, in particular the way in which the cathedral's Galilee Chapel, in which the Venerable Bede is buried, was set aside for the commission's worship.



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BISHOP DOLL

DEAD AT 81

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BALTIMORE (DPS, Sept. 6) -- The Rt. Rev. Harry Lee Doll, tenth bishop of Maryland, died on August 27, 1984. He was 81.

Doll had served churches in the District of Columbia, Virginia, and Texas before he accepted the call to become rector of Saint Paul's Parish here in 1942. He served in that post until 1955 when he was elected and consecrated a bishop suffragan of Maryland. In 1958 he was elected bishop coadjutor of the diocese of Maryland and served in that capacity until assuming the responsibility of bishop of the diocese in 1963.

Doll was born in Martinsburg, W.V. in 1903. He was an honors graduate of the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va., and attended the Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, where he received his degree in theology in 1933. In 1945, the seminary awarded him the degree of Doctor of Divinity (honoris causa) for his leadership in church and community affairs.

In 1933 he married Delia Francis Gould of Birmingham, Ala. The Dolls have three daughters: Millicent Scott Doll Shargel, The Rev. Mary Chotard Doll and Rebecca Tidball Doll Clark and one granddaughter, Delia Gould Shargel.

Doll's ministry was marked by deep commitment in several areas of church and community. The civil rights movement swept the country during his episcopate, and he was in the forefront of those whose words and deeds demonstrated a concern for the rights of all minorities. Braving strong opposition within his diocese, he supported the 1969 General Convention Special Program. Three years earlier, Doll and his Roman Catholic counterpart, Lawrence Cardinal Shehan, had joined in public support of open housing legislation, for which they were both booed and jeered at a city council meeting.

Ironically, Shehan and Doll, who worked closely together over the years, died within hours of each other and their funerals were on the same day. Writing of Doll to his successor, the Rt. Rev. David K. Leighton, Shehan's successor, Archbishop William D. Borders, said "(He

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will be long remembered for his spiritual leadership and empathetic concern for the welfare of people at all levels."

A strong desire for Christian unity led Doll to serve as president of the Maryland Council of Churches and to his role as one of the founders and members of the first Board of Trustees of the Ecumenical Institute of Theology at Saint Mary's Seminary and University in Roland Park.

An ardent champion of the Book of Common Prayer as it was revised and adopted for use at the General Convention of the Episcopal Church in 1979, Doll also endorsed with great enthusiasm the movement within the church which led to the ordination of women to the priesthood.

Services for Doll were held at the Church of the Redeemer on Friday, Aug. 31. The preacher for the service was the Rt. Rev. John Eldridge Hines, retired Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church. Redeemer had also been the site of many of the major events of Doll's episcopate, including his installation as bishop and his retirement ceremony.

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HENRY MC CORKLE RETIRES AS  
EDITOR OF THE EPISCOPALIAN

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by The Episcopalian staff

PHILADELPHIA (DPS, Sept. 6) -- The September issue of The Episcopalian contains a profile of Henry L. McCorkle, 61, who is retiring as editor-publisher of that national monthly newspaper. The story chronicles the career of a man with a missionary zeal for communicating with the Church about the Church, a vocation as strong as his faith in that church and its people.

Before the Episcopal Church invited him to start a new national publication in 1960, McCorkle had served in World War II as an infantryman, an information specialist and feature and sports editor for the Camp Gordon Johnson Amphibian. In 1947 he became a reporter for Presbyterian Life; he was managing editor when he left in 1960. He brought to his position as editor of the new publication a "well-stocked journalist's tool kit" in the words of former colleague, the Rev. Edward T. Dell, and the desire to help Episcopalians in local parishes understand not only their own parish but the wider Anglican and ecumenical world of which that local congregation was an integral part.

During his tenure, The Episcopalian covered the Anglican Congress, Vatican II, the Consultation on Church Union, the Death of God movement, the General Convention Special Program, Venture in Mission, revisions of both the Prayer Book and the Hymnal and the ordination of women.

McCorkle's brand of journalism was a mixture of mission and financial information written in jargon-less articles which often told faith stories through the lives of "extraordinary ordinary people". That there was an audience for this was proved by circulation figures, which rose from 75,000 to close to 300,000 -- more Episcopalians than ever before reached in Episcopal publishing history.

McCorkle's convictions were not just abstract journalistic theories but rather grew out of his own active and involved churchmanship. He was baptized in Chicago and confirmed in Delaware, where he

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attended St. Andrew's School before going to Williams College. For 28 years he has been deeply involved at Trinity Church in Swarthmore, the suburban Philadelphia college town where he and his wife, Jody, raised three children.

He lived ecumenism, too. He was president of the Associated Church Press and a North American member of the Christian Literature Fund as well as founder of the Religion Newswriters Association. He wrote a book on Latin America, The Quiet Crusaders, and most recently was actively involved in the Diocese of Pennsylvania's Venture in Mission Program.

The Rev. Samuel Van Culin, secretary general of the Anglican Consultative Council, said McCorkle "played an important part in helping the Church deal with the difficult issues of the last two decades. He put things in context and had a major mediating influence on the life of the Church."

The McCorkles have moved from Swarthmore to Brunswick, Me., but Henry remains associated with The Episcopalian as a member of the board of directors.

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MISSION EDUCATION

HANDBOOK AVAILABLE

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NEW YORK (DPS, Sept. 6) -- A major new resource for congregations interested in the overseas mission work of the Episcopal Church has been published by the Episcopal Church Center.

The World Mission Handbook was developed by the Rev. Onell A Soto, mission information and education officer at the Center, in collaboration with the World Mission in Church & Society staff and others drawn from the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion. It is designed for use as both an informational resource and the basis for a curriculum or discussion series on mission. The handbook is unbound and three-hole punched so that future updates and new editions can be melded in easily.

Although Soto calls the book "only a summary" of the many aspects of mission work in Anglicanism, its 157 pages manages to cover most pertinent topics from mission theology and history through current rosters of those in mission service. Soto said he was hopeful that congregations using the book would find a wide choice of ways in which they could be involved in or support mission work -- from sponsorship of Volunteers in Mission through prayer calendars.

Within its seven chapters, the book discusses mission theology and history -- including some historical biographies -- the Anglican Communion, the World Mission Unit, overseas Episcopal dioceses, support from the Program Development Budget and the nature of modern mission. The last chapter, "You and World Mission," limns local activities and seminary roles and suggests discussion questions, prayers for and concerns of mission.

The book is dedicated to Jeannie Willis, who retired last year as executive assistant in the World Mission unit and who is well-known for her efforts at communicating the mission of the Church.

Copies of the book are available through the Mission Information Office, the Episcopal Church Center, 815 Second Avenue, New York, NY 10017, for \$5.00

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PARISH SHOWS WAY

IN HOUSING MINISTRY

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TULSA, Okla. (DPS, Sept. 6) -- With the strong support of Bishop Gerald N. McAllister and the Diocese of Oklahoma, the unlikely team of a small, racially integrated mission here and a newly developing mental health center is working to provide housing to the poor, especially those who are chronically mentally ill.

This mission, St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, was formed when two parishes -- one white and one black -- merged to become one a single parish. The other partner in the million-dollar housing project, Star Community Mental Health Center, Inc., began operating in April of 1982. It was underfunded, understaffed, and served an ethnically diverse population of 85,000 people.

The story of how these two groups came together began in 1982 when the vestry of St. Aidan's started looking for ways to broaden its ministry to the community. At the same time, in the administration office of the Star Center, another kind of deliberation was taking place. Star was trying to develop a strategy for buying land and building housing for the chronically mentally ill.

The Owasso, Okla.-based center had become involved in the housing problem in response to the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health's state-wide plan for mental health services. In connection with this, the staff mental health planning group for Tulsa County, of which the Star Center was a member, set broad goals for improvement of mental health service delivery in their area. This included day hospital programs, foster care for adults, and housing to enable independent living for the chronically mentally ill. As its contribution to planning, Star volunteered to research, create and implement a strategy for the housing

The executive director of the Star Center, David N. Cramer, is an Episcopalian and a member of St. Aidan's. He is also a friend of the staff officer at the Episcopal Church Center who is responsible for housing and training, Howard Quander. The two of them discussed the nuts and bolts of the federal Housing and Urban Development's section

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202 program, which the Church has been using for years to build housing for the elderly and physically handicapped. The core of the conversation centered on the fact that very few had used the program for the psychologically handicapped.

That initial conversation made the following obvious: 1) staff at the Church Center had experience and expertise in giving technical assistance for grant application and were willing to share this. 2) A partnership of the national church, the local diocese acting as sponsor, and a local church as an active member of a non-profit housing corporation would provide the track record in housing needed to satisfy HUD requirements. 3) The partnership would also need to include a social agency with expertise in mental health to satisfy the service requirement for which HUD would be looking. Star Center was a natural for that role.

The phone conversation between Cramer and Quander was followed by a meeting involving a number of parishioners, Church Center staff and others. Quander then met with the vestries of St. Aidan's, the Church of Holy Spirit, Owasso, and the diocesan council.

In December 1982, a non-profit agency was formed. A 202 proposal was initiated, with local information supplied by the Star Center, St. Aidan's and the Diocese of Oklahoma being mailed to the Church Center, where material to be incorporated into the federal application was being assembled. On Sept. 23, 1983, word was received from the local HUD office that the applications had been approved for the amount of \$732,300 for the construction of 20 units of housing for the psychologically disabled.

The work is not over. After locating a site and submitting architectural drawings, there is still the problem of letting out bids and securing final commitment from HUD. If all goes well, the project may break ground in December, and look toward completion in March, 1985.

It is the belief of those involved that this sort of project can be important to the Church not only because the experience enhances the Church's history of services to the community, specifically the psychologically handicapped in need of housing, but also because this model -- where both the Church and the service agency are truly integrated -- sets an example of positive change in a multi-racial society.

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